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In the claims:

Please cancel claims 44-72 without disclaimer or prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

Please add new claims 73-115 as follows:

--73. (New) An isolated nucleic acid consisting essentially of a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide comprising consecutive amino acids having the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:7, where the nucleic acid comprises at least 1362 nucleotides.--

-- 74. (New) An isolated nucleic agid consisting essentially of a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide comprising consecutive amino acids having the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:10, where the pucleic acid comprises at least 1362 nucleotides.--

--75. (New) An isolated nucleic acid consisting essentially of a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide comprising consecutive amino acids having the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:12, where the nucleic acid comprises at least 1362 nucleotides.--

--76. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 73, wherein the isolated nucleic acid comprises nucleotides having the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:6.--

--77. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 73, wherein the isolated nucleic acid comprises nucleotides 11 to 1372 of SEQ ID NO:6.--

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--78. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 74, wherein the isolated nucleic acid comprises nucleotides having the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:9.--

- --79. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 75, wherein the isolated nucleic acid comprises nucleotides having the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:11.--
- --80. (New) An isolated nucleic acid that hybridizes under high stringency conditions to the nucleic acid of claim 73, or to a complement thereof, and that encodes a polypeptide having at least 85% homology with the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:7.--
- --81. (New) An isolated nucleic acid that hybridizes under high stringency conditions to the nucleic acid of claim 74, or to a complement thereof, and that encodes a polypeptide having at least 85% homology with the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:10.--
- --82. (New) An isolated nucleic acid that hybridizes under high stringency conditions to the nucleic acid of claim 75, or to a complement thereof, and that encodes a polypeptide having at least 85% homology with the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:12.--
- --83. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 80 that encodes a polypeptide having at least 90% homology with the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:7.--
- --84. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 83 that encodes a polypeptide having at least 95% homology with the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:7.--

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- --85. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 84 that encodes a polypeptide having at least 98% homology with the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:7.--
- --86. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 81 that encodes a polypeptide having at least 90% homology with the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:10.--
- --87. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 86 that encodes a polypeptide having at least 95% homology with the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:10.--
- --88. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 87 that encodes a polypeptide having at least 98% homology with the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:10.--
- --89. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 82 that encodes a polypeptide having at least 90% homology with the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:12.--
- --90. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 89 that encodes a polypeptide having at least 95% homology with the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:12.--
- --91. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 90 that encodes a polypeptide having at least 98% homology with the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:12.--
- --92. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 73, wherein the polypeptide comprises 12 transmembrane domains.--
 - --93. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 74, wherein the polypeptide

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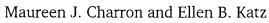
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comprises 12 transmembrane domains.--

- --94. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 75, wherein the polypeptide comprises 12 transmembrane domains.--
- --95. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 80, wherein the polypeptide comprises 12 transmembrane domains.--
- --96. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 81, wherein the polypeptide comprises 12 transmembrane domains.-
- --97. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 82, wherein the polypeptide comprises 12 transmembrane domains .--
- --98. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 73, wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight of approximately 32.6 kD.--
- --99. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 74, wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight of approximately 32.6 kD.--
- --100. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 75, wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight of approximately 32.6 kD.--
- --101. (New) The isolated nucleic agid of claim 80, wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight of approximately 32.6/kD.--



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--102. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 81, wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight of approximately 32.6 kD.-

--103. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 82, wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight of approximately 32.6 kD.--

--104. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 73, wherein expression of the polypeptide is increased in a mammal in response to hyperglycemia or diabetes.--

--105. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 74, wherein expression of the polypeptide is increased in a mammal in response to hyperglycemia or diabetes.--

--106. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 75, wherein expression of the polypeptide is increased in a mammal in response to hyperglycemia or diabetes.--

--107. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 80, wherein expression of the polypeptide is increased in a mammal in response to hyperglycemia or diabetes.--

--108. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 81, wherein expression of the polypeptide is increased in a mammal in response to hyperglycemia or diabetes.--

--109. (New) The isolated nucleic acid of claim 82, wherein expression of the polypeptide is increased in a mammal in response to hyperglycemia or diabetes.--

--110. (New) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 73.--